

POETRY.

THE OLD CHURCH.

Thou art crumbling to the dust, old pile;
Thou art hastening to thy fall;
And round thee in thy loneliness
Clings the ivy to the wall.
The worshippers are scattered now
Who kneel before thy shrine,
And silence reigns where anthems rose
In days of auld lang syne.
And sadly sighs the wandering wind
Where oft in years gone by
Prayers rose from many hearts to Him,
The highest of the high.
The tread of many a noiseless foot
That sought thy aisles is o'er,
And many a weary heart around
Is still forever more.
How doth ambition's hope take wing;
How droops the spirit now;
We hear the distant city's din,
The dead are mute below;
The sun which shone upon their paths
Now glimmers lowly graves;
The zephyrs which once fanned their
brows
The grass above them waves,
Oh! could we call the many back
Who've gathered here in vain,
Who've carelessly roved where we do now,
Who'll never meet again;
How would our very hearts be stirred
To meet the earnest gaze
Of the lovely and the beautiful,
The light of other days.

WIT AND HUMOR.

Why doth the little country boy
Pier madly at his pants?
Unthinkingly he sat him down
Upon a crowd of ants.
A poor young man remarks that
the only advice he gets from worthy
men is to "live within his income,"
whereas the difficulty he ex-
periences is to live without an in-
come.

"Molly, I wish you would be a
better little girl," said an Austin
father to his little daughter. "You
have no idea how sorry I am, that
mama has to scold you all the time."
"Don't worry about it pa," was the
reply of the little angel, "I am not
one of those sensitive children. Half
the time I don't hear what she says."

Not long ago a young Florida
negro named Romeo married a young
colored girl named Juliet. They
now have twins which they have
named Komulus and Remus, and
they are all driven to church every
Sunday by a horse named Pontius
Pilate in a carriage named Noah's
Ark.

"Any reduction in the price of
clothing?" he asked. "Very large
reduction," answered the dealer. "I
would like to buy a pair of pants-
loons if I can get them cheap enough."
"Well, sir, prices have all gone to
pieces, particularly on pantsloons.
The bottom has fairly dropped out."
"In that case," said the customer,
turning to go, "I guess I will stick
to my old ones for a while yet."

More Scandal.
Chicago News: "What, Governor
St. John has a scandal, too?"
"Well, he was discovered in the
arms of a woman."
"Is that possible? When?"
"Oh, a good many years ago."
"Who was the woman?"
"His mother."

In Bad Luck.
"I hear you've had a promotion.
Glad to hear of your good luck."
"Good luck! You don't call it
good luck to be taken in partner-
ship, do you?"
"Well, yes. I should think so.
It gives a man a better chance to
accumulate a fortune."
"Not when he was cashier in the
first place."

A Collegiate Education.
Young Man (departing for col-
lege)—Well, father, good-by. You
may expect to hear from me often
and I trust that on my return you
will find that I have not been un-
willing to provide me with an educa-
tion. Good-by!
Father (with emotion)—Good-by,
my son, good-by!
Young Man (Three months later,
arriving from college)—Ah, Govern-
nor, how do do? Delighted to see
you. Bah Jove. Beastly weath-
er, don't you know. How's the
folks? Doosed glad to get home,
etc., etc.

The old gentleman thinks of
bringing suit against the college.—
N. Y. Sun.

A Dubious Compliment.
"Do you play very much nowa-
days, Miss Smith?" he asked, as they
seated themselves after a wait.
"Only occasionally," she replied.
"I have neglected my music shame-
fully of late and I am getting quite
out of practice."
"I was passing your house last
evening," he went on, "and stood at
the gate for a moment to hear you
play. Instead of getting out of prac-
tice, I think you are improving—if
any improvement is possible, he
added politely.

"Last evening?" she asked.
"Yes, about nine o'clock."
"You are mistaken. I was at the
opera last evening," she said in a
strained voice, as she accepted an
invitation to dance from another
gentleman. "It was the man tun-
ing the piano you heard."

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